

BETHEL and SMITH;

1st.

Or a Sober Answer to a Tantivy Pamphlet, entitled

HOW and RICH, &c.

By one of the Inhabitants of the Burrough of Southwark, who is no Bromidgham Protestant.

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THE pretty Bantling that has lately been laid to the charge of our four Parishes, and had probably as many (if not more) Fathers (for the Mother was without doubt true to the Troop, and the Babe has some of the features of several Faces well-known among us) one the B. of the Burrough, who (notwithstanding the pretences of Interest to byass him for *Bethel and Smith*) did certainly with his under-Janizaries engage for them as the *French* did for the *English* in the late *Dutch War*; another shrewdly suspected to be too much inclined to *St. Thomas a Becket's Religion*, though he appear an *Anabaptist* in that one instance of never having Christened any of his Children; a third so undeniably Popishly-affected that he has made choice to live in *Tripple-Crown-Court*; and the fourth, one who perhaps thought he might the more safely venture upon playing a trick of Youth because of his Interest in the *Baudy-Court*; (All which will yet doubtless be ready to declare themselves as innocent in the matter as the child unborn); this hopeful Babe I say, having as yet no other Name than that of it's Godfathers, *How and Rich*, I shall take the liberty to add to it the Title of a *Scurrilous Jeering Pamphlet*, which the following serious Examination will make appear to be it's due.

After the reproachful term of *Bromidgham-Protestant* which they fasten upon the Intelligencer *Mr. F. S.* and which without question they hope will stick as a Brand upon the Sober-party in like manner as that of *Papist in Masquerade* does upon another sort of men. They hint at some strangers who concern'd themselves in our Election, and silyly call them *no small*——with a space, which they knew common use would prompt any ordinary Reader to supply undecently, whereas it is supposed that it was well known to the Authors, that among those strangers there were several true Protestant Peers that appear'd in behalf of *Bethel and Smith*, against *How and Rich*; to whom though those famous Patriots were content to allow the Character of *honest men*, (which they may be for ought I know) yet certainly our noble Friend was very much in the right, who at one of our meetings told us that we ought to chuse *such hardy, rough-bewn Representatives as the present juncture of Affairs requir'd, and such as might effectually do the business of the King and Kingdom*; and if *Steward Smith* be not such a one as well as his Partner, which I begin to suspect from the account those Pamphleters (who it may be know him better than I) give of him, I recall my Vote,

which before did him no good, and my revocation of it I doubt can now do him no harm.

For it cannot be denied that that part of the *Tory-Pamphlet* which is purely Narrative, is agreeable enough to matter of Fact. And besides by comparing the *Pole-book* with the *Poors-book* of the several Parishes, the Majority even of *Scot and Lot* men is on the one side of *How and Rich* by near a hundred; so that, I must be content to be represented by those two persons whom the Protestant dissenting Minister I mostly hear, and who is (I imagine) the person upon whom the Authors have in one part of the Pamphlet so scandalously reflected; has taught me not to make Arbitrators of my Religion and Conscience.

The reasonably-to-be suspected-and not justly-to-be-defended-Authors of that Pamphlet have laid hold of all advantages to render the honest party obnoxious to censure; else they would not so industriously have exposed their slips and falls, particularly those of *Mr. F. S.* whom they would insinuate to the World to have been mad or drunk under the phrase of being *overcharg'd with Ale and Zeal*.

If by the Abuses said to be put upon *How and Rich* to weaken their Interest, are meant the scattering abroad and posting up libellous Papers against them by some of our party, those who did so must answer at Law for their imprudence, if *How and Rich*, are not so good *Christians and Gentlemen* as the Scriblers of that Paper represent them to be; for I for my part am no more able to justify such than our Tantivy-men are to defend what they are pleas'd to call *Town-raillery*.

We never pretended to make use of an Appeal but upon grounds, which the discovery about *Scot and Lot* men has now removed; and the Pamphletters cannot be thought to have been serious when they insinuated that the *Inmates* above all others had such a design; their condition in the World rendering them less to be suspected to appear in behalf of a Member whose true *English* disposition might incline him to require the antiently accustomed compensation for the trouble and charge of his service. So that the Scriblers might e'en have left off before they had begun; for I suppose that by this time I have made it appear that their Paper is a *scurrilous jeering Pamphlet, Quod erat demonstrandum*.

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